

HOUSE RESOLUTION 122

By Hicks

A RESOLUTION to honor Eliza Smith, grand prize winner of the 2019 *Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life* essay contest.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize a young woman who has overcome tremendous obstacles in her life to discover a positive outlook and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Smith of Surgoinsville, an eighth-grade student at Surgoinsville Middle School, is winning her courageous battle against anorexia nervosa, a potentially life-threatening eating disorder, through persistence and resolve; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith wrote about overcoming her inner turmoil and conflict barrier in combating anorexia and entered her work in the 2019 *Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life* essay contest; her touching and inspirational story won grand prize honors; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by Major League Baseball (MLB), the *Breaking Barriers* essay contest encourages students from across the country to write about overcoming personal obstacles, or barriers, through the example of values set forth by Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson as he broke baseball's color barrier; and

WHEREAS, the *Breaking Barriers* educational program, which focuses on the nine values of courage, teamwork, determination, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, commitment, and excellence, was founded by Sharon Robinson, the daughter of Jackie Robinson; and

WHEREAS, as part of her grand prize, Eliza Smith will be honored and recognized at the 90th MLB All-Star game in Cleveland, Ohio, and the 2019 World Series; and

WHEREAS, she will also receive a new laptop computer and a personal visit from Ms. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Smith has broken through significant barriers to emerge as a young woman with a bright future; her path to improved health and personal growth embodies Jackie Robinson's pioneering legacy in baseball and throughout society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Eliza Smith on winning the grand prize in the 2019 *Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life* essay contest and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.